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Attention: Ms. Delores Brown, Chief

Subject: Comments on NOP for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (SCH No. 2008032062)

Dear Ms. Brown:

The County of Sacramento, Department of Water Resources would like to provide the following comments on the subject project.

The southern portion of the County of Sacramento includes the northern end of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. This contains vast areas of agricultural land, natural preserve areas, rural farm residences and small, historic communities and well as flood storage and water supply functions which are dependent on and also vulnerable to the function of the Delta levee infrastructure.

It will be imperative that any analysis of alternatives for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan include specific attention to the potential impacts locally to water surface elevations and flood protection to these Delta areas and communities resulting from the project. Any project alternative should address the significance of such impacts and how they can be mitigated. Alternatives which may include strengthening of existing levees or construction of new levees or conveyance structures must consider and incorporate measures to ensure that such improvements do not result in the creation of "weak points" in the system in other levees as the project facilities are improved. The project alternatives must consider the dual function of the Delta as both a water supply and flood control system which has local as well as regional importance and ensure that both the functions and integrity of both systems are not compromised.

We look forward to reviewing and providing further comment as the Bay Delta Conservation Plan EIR/EIS moves forward. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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